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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 2, 2003.

The Office Action mail on October 2, 2003 is in the form of a Restriction Requirement. The applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-14 and 21-23, for examination. This election is made with traverse on the grounds that sufficient reasons and/or examples to justify a restriction requirement have not been presented. Furthermore, it is submitted that it would not be too great a burden to examine all of claims 1-23 at the same time. Accordingly, withdrawal of the restriction requirement is requested.

It is believed that this application is in condition for examination. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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